

West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF)

MISSION STATEMENT:

“WATAF shall provide a platform to encourage strong collaboration amongst all ECOWAS member states towards the improvement of the quality of tax administration in the respective States.”

FOUNDING DATE: 12th September 2011

SECRETARIAT LOCATION: Abuja, Nigeria

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP: Full membership, associate membership, development partners

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: English, French, Portuguese

BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP: West African countries

MEMBERS:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

The WATAF Secretariat, made up of the Executive Secretary and appointed officials, performs administrative tasks and supports members with technical assistance. The annual WATAF General Assembly consists of Heads of tax administrations or their authorised representatives. Its work includes approving work programmes and budgets, electing the WATAF Council and providing it with a mandate to engage development partners, and deciding the membership of each committee. The Council has five elected members who are the Heads of members’ tax administrations (or their authorised representatives). Council members hold their office for two years, except Nigeria, which is the 6th and permanent member of the Council.

